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FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF ROBERT VESCO'S FEBRUARY 28,
1977 LETTER TO PRESIDENT ODUBER PRINTED IN "EXCELSIOR"

JUNE 14:
(BEGIN TEXT)
"HIS EXCELLENCY
LIC. DANIEL ODUBER QUIROS
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
CASA PRESIDENCIAL
SAN JOSE

ESTEEMED MR. PRESIDENT.

AS I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU HAD BEEN OUTSIDE THE
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COUNTRY, I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF SENDING YOU, FOR YOUR
INFORMATION, A RECENT PRESS COMMUNIQUE WHICH AFFIRMS THAT
I DO NOT HAVE THE INTENTION OF REQUESTING COSTA RICAN
CITIZENSHIP UNTIL THE SITUATION IN THE U.S. IS CLARI-
FIED. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN ORDER TO DISSUADE ANY
ALLEGATION THAT I WOULD BE REQUESTING COSTA RICAN CITIZEN-
SHIP WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EVADING FOREIGN LITIGATION."

"THERE EXIST VARIOUS LEGAL ACTIONS INITIATED AGAINST ME THE PAST YEAR IN COSTA RICA STILL PENDING IN THE COURTS. THESE ACTIONS AGAINST ME HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS BEING SUPPORTED BY CERTAIN UNITED STATES AGENCIES. ONE OF THESE TRIALS IN COSTA RICA CONTAINS ALLEGATIONS IDENTICAL TO THE ONLY U.S. CHARGES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FOR EXTRADITION PURPOSES. IT WOULD BE COUNTER TO ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICES, SUCH AS DOUBLE-JEOPARDY, FOR THE SAME SUPPOSED ACTS, TO TRY TO USE THESE SAME ALLEGATIONS FOR AN EXTRADITION REQUEST. "IN VIEW OF THE ANNOUNCED POSITION OF THE NEW U.S. PRESIDENT WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT THAT U.S. AGENCIES WOULD NOW RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE OR PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA LEGAL ACTIONS OR ILLEGAL ONES SUCH AS THREATS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS FOR ACTS AGAINST ME IN COSTA RICA AND SIMILAR THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN USED IN THE PAST. THEREFORE, AFTER THE LAWSUIT IN COSTA RICA IS RESOLVED, I NOW HAVE THE INTENTION OF ATTENDING TO CERTAIN FOREIGN LITIGATIONS. I ALSO HOPE TO AVOID "JUDGMENTS IN THE PRESS" SUCH AS WERE USED IN THE WATERGATE ERA AND WHICH HAVE NOW BEGUN IN THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN HERE."

"WITH REGARD TO THIS I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT I HAVE NO INVESTMENTS IN THE COMPANIES OF EX-PRESIDENT FIGUERES. HIS PUBLIC DECLARATION ABOUT A FINANCIAL SEPARATION FROM THE "VESCO GROUP" ARE TYPICAL OF THE LOOSE PHRASEOLOGY COMMONLY USED TO REFER TO FINANCE COMPANIES FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH I DISASSOCIATED MYSELF BEFORE COMING TO COSTA RICA. SIMILAR GENERALIZATIONS CAUSED THE INITIATION OF A COMPLAINT BEFORE THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL LAST YEAR. LATER THEY WERE CLARIFIED IN WRITING.

7. "IN THE MEANTIME, MY FAMILY AND I PLAN TO MOVE TO A HOME THAT IS BEING CONSTRUCTED ON MY WIFE'S FARM AND TO GET RID OF THE SAN JOSE HOUSE."

"COSTA RICA HAS BEEN OUR HOME FOR MANY YEARS. I HOPE THAT THE ACTION TAKEN WITHIN THE LINES OF THIS LETTER IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR EXPRESSED DESIRES AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WILL CONTINUE TO PERMIT MY FAMILY TO LIVE IN PEACE, FREE FROM CONTINUOUS HUMILIATIONS BY PEOPLE WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES."

"VERY ATTENTIVELY, ROBERT VESCO." (END TEXT)
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